

KENDALL WINS.

WORK OF THE FIRST DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

A Big and Enthusiastic Gathering—Northampton Takes the Prize on the Seventh Ballot.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., August 9.—Pursuant to call the Democratic Convention of the First congressional district assembled in this city to-day for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress. There was an all-day delegation from all the counties as ever attended any convention in the district. The Opera House that was fixed for the deliberations of the convention was handsomely decorated with national and State ensigns and bannants in profusion. The seats in the building were designated by placards stating the position of each county delegation. By 10 o'clock the building was crowded.

At 10:30 Major J. Harrison Kelley advanced to the front of the stage and said by request of the Democratic Executive Committee of this city he would introduce Hon. A. P. Rowe, mayor of the city of Fredericksburg, who would deliver an address of welcome to the delegates and alternates present.

Mayor Rowe delivered a cordial and enthusiastic address and professed the hospitality of the city to the visitors. He said nothing was left undone to complete their entire comfort whilst here.

The Rev. Dr. R. B. Shough, of the Methodist church of this city, followed in a very earnest, impressive, and feeling prayer.

Colonel W. A. Jones, of Richmond county, then called the convention to order and named J. H. Chandler, of Westmoreland, as temporary chairman, and A. C. Micon as temporary secretary, and K. W. Edgington as sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Chandler, in taking his seat, returned thanks for the compliment paid him, spoke of the promise of success of the party, approved of the Administration of Cleveland, and urged the aid of the delegates present to assist him in completing the permanent organization of the convention.

On motion of Mr. R. B. Merchant, of this city, a committee of three from each county were appointed on organization, credentials, and resolutions.

On the call of the counties the following delegates were appointed by the county chairman:

Accomack—Organization, T. W. Blackstone; Credentials, G. F. Parramore; Resolutions, O. M. Jones.

Northampton—Organization, S. S. Wilkins; Credentials, L. A. Ailsworth; Resolutions, F. L. Kurtz.

Westmoreland—Organization, R. P. Brown; Credentials, R. B. Spillman; Resolutions, C. O. Hangerford.

Mathews—Organization, T. J. Christian; Credentials, George Hundley; Resolutions, G. T. Garrett.

Gloucester—Organization, T. J. Davis; Credentials, R. Hinkle; Resolutions, M. Jones.

Northumberland—Organization, J. W. Anderson; Credentials, A. V. Williams; Resolutions, J. A. Palmer.

Middlesex—Organization, J. R. Seagr; Credentials, L. S. Vaughan; Resolutions, Mr. Ferryhouse.

Stafford—Organization, R. C. Wellford; Credentials, F. M. Hutchinson; Resolutions, W. A. Jones.

Lancaster—Organization, H. S. Hathaway; Credentials, Thomas Brown; Resolutions, Joseph Mayo.

Stafford—Organization, C. J. Sale; Credentials, R. B. Whitlock; Resolutions, William Campbell.

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STRANGE ACCIDENT.

KILLED THE DOG BUT BROKE HIS OWN NECK.

A Post-Office Robbed—Durham's Tobacco Fair—Torn to Pieces by Lightning.

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RICHMOND, N. C., August 9.—News of a strange accident came from Mecklenburg county, Va., this morning. A dog running after sheep, took a gun and followed in pursuit. The gun went off and the dog the latter had caught and killed a sheep. McCurdy shot the dog and killed it, but in so doing his gun burst, breaking his neck and causing instant death.

Night before last the post-office at Black Mountain was robbed of a considerable sum of money. A post-office inspector is at work on the case.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the Tobacco Exposition at Durham. Senators Vance and Ransom will attend, and also Governor Gordon of Georgia, Senator Daniel of Virginia, and Hon. S. Cox of New York.

Rev. Stinson Ivey, principal of Ashpole Academy, Tobacco county, died yesterday, aged seventy years.

The Raleigh Young Men's Democratic Club has decided not to participate in the State Convention of Clubs at Morehead City on the 29th inst.

Governor Seales and family left for Governor's Lodge. The Governor will be absent ten days.

William A. Guthrie, who over two months ago was nominated by the Republicans for the associate justiceship of the Supreme Court, has just accepted, and to-day the Republican organ displays the news.

The dwelling of James Nichols and Thomas Pittman, at Marshall, was burned, and the entire town was in danger. C. L. McPeckers was severely injured by falling timber.

William McCurdy, struck by lightning near Mecklenburg, this county, and torn to pieces. He was at a cider-press in a grove. The man beside him was stunned. Burgess was an ex-Confederate soldier.

The Wake County Democratic Convention was held to-day. It was very largely attended and put out a strong and popular ticket, as follows: Sheriff, M. W. Page; Registrar of Deeds, J. P. Goodman; Treasurer, Louis O. Long; Coroner, J. R. Knight; Surveyor, J. Q. Shaw; for Senate, A. C. Micon; for House of Commons, C. Green, L. D. Bancroft, J. T. Judd, and E. C. Bridgford.

A singular death is reported as having occurred in Cleveland county, James Rippey, a very old man, was found dead at his bedside in the posture of prayer. He had evidently been stricken the night before.

The annual meeting of Friends will be held at High Point this year, and begins next Wednesday. It is always very largely attended. The Friends are rich, numerous, and influential in the Piedmont.

There is no abatement of progress in the direction of the construction or extension of cotton-factories. Work has begun on a \$100,000 factory at Tarboro.

The sensation in regard to McMahon, the man who murdered Buchanan in the county of Johnston, has been revived. McMahon is in Asheville jail. He appears to be a notorious criminal who recently escaped a sentence for complicity in the Messer murder.

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Piedmont Conference of the Second Adventists met at the churches in the State of that denomination, and there are visitors from other States.

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